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## GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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With Quarterly Reports Pending, Commodities Sell Off

The Quarterly Grain Stocks and Small Grains Report as set to be released Friday morning. Ahead of the reports we’ve seen a sharp selloff in the agricultural commodities. The expectations are for corn stocks to come in a bit lower than the USDA’s current projection of 1.181 billion bushels at about 1.11 billion bushels. Soybeans are expected to be about the same as the USDA at about 131 million bushels. There are some uncertainties as we head towards Friday, however.

Leading up to this report, the trade has been focused on demand destruction that has taken place; especially in feed use of corn, over the last quarter. We know approximately the use of corn for ethanol and the amount of corn exported, but the unknown wild card is feed demand. Another potential wild card to consider ahead of the reports is the record amount of corn that was harvested before Sept. 1 and accordingly, the effect the early harvest will have on quarterly grain figures.

On the demand side of the market, export sales this week for corn were pathetic at 400 MT; soybeans were at the high end of expectations at 799,500 MT, and wheat within expectations at 426,000 MT. The soy market seems to be catching a bid from the strong export sales that were reported and even today China bought another 110,000 MT. Weighing on the soybean market, and capping any potential rally, is the bi-monthly soybean sale of 400,000 MT from the Chinese state reserves today.

Pressuring the corn market lower were those terrible exports sales, and ethanol production that fell by 3% last week. Corn used for ethanol production was about 1.3 million bushels behind the weekly pace needed to meet USDA projections.

Producers and traders have to ask themselves some questions before tomorrow’s reports. First, “What has been done to feed demand of corn?” Second, “How far has export demand fallen?” In the event of a bearish report tomorrow and most importantly, “Do I have protection in place for the downside move?” The answers to these questions and more will come tomorrow around 7:30 AM CST when the USDA reports are released.

CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25
Western, MD	7.55	7.25	15.63	14.99	8.34	8.45	5.00	5.00
Central, MD	7.40	7.34	15.30	15.43	8.44	8.88	----	----
Southern, MD	----	7.29	----	15.42	----	8.27	----	----
Upper E. Shore	----	7.60	----	15.95	----	8.42	----	----
Lower E. Shore	7.70	7.72	15.70	16.01	----	8.37	----	----

FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25	9/18	9/25
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Southern MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Upper E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lower E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - September 27, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal <sup>1/</sup>	
DEC12	716’2	NOV12	1570’6	DEC12	855’4	OCT12	473.1
MAR13	719’4	JAN13	1571’2	MAR13	868’2	DEC12	473.9
MAY13	717’0	MAR13	1524’0	MAY13	870’2	JAN13	470.4
JLY13	711’0	MAY13	1479’0	JLY13	835’6	MAR13	451.3
SEP13	632’2	JLY13	1460’0	SEP13	838’0	MAY13	428.2
DEC13	608’6	AUG13	1435’0	DEC13	846’6	JLY13	419.6
MAR14	616’4	SEP13	1375’2	MAR14	852’4	AUG13	410.9
MAY14	623’0	NOV13	1315’4	MAY14	834’0	SEP13	393.5
JLY14	623’4	JAN14	1319’2	JLY14	790’0	OCT13	371.5
SEP14	581’2	MAR14	1319’2	SEP14	775’4	DEC13	369.8

HAY AND STRAW

New Holland, PA - September 24, 2012 - \$/ton

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw	
150.00 – 400.00	140.00 – 395.00	165.00 – 310.00	82.00 – 300.00	145.00 – 200.00	

Westminster, MD – September 24, 2012 - \$/bale

Alfalfa	Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw
4.50 – 5.10	2.40 – 3.40	2.00 – 5.50	2.70 – 4.90	1.00 – 4.80	2.30 – 3.30

POULTRY <sup>2/</sup>							
Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - September 29, 2012							
	Current Week		Prev. Week		Prev. Month	Prev. Year	
N.Y. Weighted Avg.	81.57		81.45		84.80	67.45	
12 City Composite	82.74		83.24		85.55	72.73	
SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – September 25, 2012 – (\$/CWT)				GOATS & KIDS - September 25, 2012			
Sheep	67.50 – 117.50	Lambs Under 50	80.50 – 152.50	Large		135.00 – 165.00	
		50 – 80 lbs	110.00 – 162.50	Medium		85.00 – 127.50	
		90 – 130 lbs	100.00 – 140.00	Kids		27.50 – 37.50	
HOGS & PIGS							
DIRECT MARKET HOGS - September 20, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>			MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – September 25, 2012				
*Base Price Range	Carcass Basis	Weighted	Butcher Hogs		Sows		
	Base 185 lb Hog	Average	#1 215 – 275 lbs	42.00 – 59.50	Heavyweights	34.50 – 39.50	
Iowa, Minn	72.00 – 76.00	75.21	Heavyweights	38.00 – 59.00	Lightweights	NA	
Eastern Cornbelt	69.28 – 77.01	72.44			Boars		
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added					Heavyweights	9.00 –33.00	
					Lightweights	11.00 –29.00	
MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - September 24, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Percent Lean	Weight	Price		45 - 49	220 – 300 lbs	53.00 – 56.50	
49 - 54	220 – 300 lbs	57.00 – 60.50			300 – 400 lbs	53.00 – 53.50	
	300 – 400 lbs	58.00 – 60.00					
FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA-(\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- September 19, 2012 Next Feeder Pig sale –Oct. 3, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price		Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price	
15 – 25 lbs	30.00 – 40.00	35.00		40 – 50 lbs	40.00 – 80.00	64.38	
25 – 30 lbs	25.00 – 30.00	28.10		60 – 70 lbs	25.00 – 35.00	28.33	
30 – 40 lbs	50.00 – 70.00	57.14					
LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – September 27, 2012							
LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES				LEAN HOGS – FUTURES			
OCT12	122.45	APR13	132.90	OCT12	77.23	APR13	85.90
DEC12	125.18	JUN13	129.05	DEC12	73.60	MAY13	94.45
FEB13	128.93	AUG13	129.33	FEB13	79.38	JUN13	97.08
STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT)							
Winchester, VA – September 25, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>			Westminster, MD – September 25, 2012				
Steers	300 – 400 lbs	148.00 – 155.50	Steers	200 – 300 lbs	98.00 – 154.50		
	400 – 500 lbs	139.00 – 163.00		400 – 500 lbs	83.00 – 109.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	134.00 – 153.50		600 – 700 lbs	NA		
	600 – 700 lbs	133.00 – 143.00		800 – 1000 lbs	NA		
	700 – 800 lbs	129.00 – 136.00					
Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	146.00 – 154.00	Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	91.00 – 136.00		
	300 – 400 lbs	136.00 – 140.00		400 – 500 lbs	99.00 – 125.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	118.00 – 126.50		600 – 700 lbs	99.00 – 109.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	119.00 – 126.00		800 – 1000 lbs	NA		
	600 – 700 lbs	114.00 – 127.00					
SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT)							
Westminster, MD – September 25, 2012							
Sltr. Cows			Fed Heifers				
Breakers	68.50 – 71.00		Fat	120.50 – 122.00			
Boners	60.00 – 68.00		Lean	114.50 – 119.50			
Thin/Slow	57.50 & Down						
Fed Steers			Holstein Bull Calves to Feed				
Fat	120.00 – 125.00		#1	92.50 – 115.00			
Lean	114.50 – 119.50		#2	80.00 – 91.50			
Select	112.00 – 114.00		#3	78.00 & Down			
Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – September 27, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Sltr. Steers:			Sltr. Heifers:				
Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1300 – 1700 lbs	121.00 – 127.00	Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1275 – 1475 lbs	116.00 – 118.50		
Choice 2-3	1175 – 1550 lbs	117.00 – 120.50	Choice 2-3	1065 – 1430 lbs	109.50 – 110.50		
Select 1-3	1075 – 1470 lbs	112.00 – 116.00	Select 2-3	1095 – 1300 lbs	99.00 – 100.00		
			Sltr. Cows:	Percent Lean	Avg. Dressing		
Sltr. Holsteins:			Premium White	65 – 75	75.00 – 78.00		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-4	1500 – 1650 lbs	106.50 – 109.50	Breakers	75 – 80	75.00 – 79.00		
Choice 2-3	1350 – 1675 lbs	102.00 – 106.00	Boners	80 – 85	76.00 – 79.50		
Select 2-3	1200 – 1550 lbs	94.00 – 101.00	Lean	88 – 90	67.00 – 71.50		

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))  
2/ Source: USDA, AMS